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WHAT IS LEFT OF THE IMPERIAL GERMAN EMPIRE IN EUROPE IS SHOWN BY THE SOLID BLACK, WHILE THE TERRITORY CUT AWAY UNDER THE PEACE TREATY IS SHADED.

THE HOLY SEE

Moral Influence of the Pope Essential Factor in Part in Reconciliation.

Papal Participation in Light of Diplomatic Usage and Established Custom.

Not the Slightest Reason Why Holy Father Should Be Denied Voice.

FUNCTION TRADITIONALLY OWNS

The Catholic press of the country has frequently emphasized the fact that the representatives of the powers taking part in the Peace Conference could do nothing better than to accord to the Holy See the same rights they have granted to the secular powers. As a matter of fact, the diplomats could have made excellent use of the strong moral influence exerted by the Viceregent of Christ, regardless of whether they desired to discuss or to ignore the question of the Papal States and the temporal power. The powers could indeed have invited the Holy See to participate in the labor of establishing a League of Nations without offending against international custom and diplomatic usage. This is evident from the history of international congresses and conferences—a consideration which makes it all the more regrettable that the invitation has not been issued.

The manner in which the Holy See would, if called upon to participate possible, co-operate in the League of Nations, and the limitations of Papal influence in the conferences of the representatives of the various nations, are laid down in a remarkable treatise on "International Law," a study in international law and diplomatic usage, which, according to European newspapers, will be read with the greatest interest in diplomatic circles, and in fact wherever the new regulation of international law is being discussed. The author of this treatise is a young savant of Budapest, Dr. Richard Gruber, who has set himself the task of analyzing the practice of congresses and conferences, on the basis of authentic records and documents, and to thus reduce the practice to a set of laws, and to this end the treatise affords the theoretical as well as practical man a means of quickly informing himself on the usage and rulings of diplomatic gatherings.

Concerning the participation of the Holy See in the League of Nations the author says: "In conferences for the establishment of peace the Pope should have an advisory voice, such advisory service to be unrestricted, except insofar as not to interfere with the fashioning of the official resolutions of the conference. There is not the slightest reason why such an advisory voice should be denied him. For his opinion, which in such cases would be expressed through a representative, could not but be of service to all the powers of the civilized world. Insofar as the voice of the Papacy will be sounded only in the interest of harmonizing hostile factors, by paying the way to mutual understanding, and reconciliation, the Holy See exercises a function traditionally its own, and which represents one of the principal purposes of the mission of the Papacy as the temporal representative of the Deity.

"In a legal sense it is understood that, once the co-operation of the Holy See in any congress is consented to in practice among the nations, it would no longer be within the power of any individual nation to prevent Papal participation in diplomatic deliberations, as has been the case heretofore. One can readily perceive that in many cases the Pope, by virtue of his position, could have used his influence to end that the nations might base their relations on a foundation of the consciousness of the solidarity of the human race, which would serve to eliminate hatred, injustice and materialistic egoism. The would be done in the sense of the thought of Cardinal Rampolla, who wrote at the time of the call to the first conference at the Hague: 'It is essential that Christian justice come to be recognized to the widest possible extent in the world. It is impossible for the world to enter upon an era of true peace without

the mediation of Jesus Christ.' In such work of mediation, however, the moral, entirely unpolitical influence of the Pope, separated from all ecclesiastical tendencies, would have to be brought to bear on the situation. If one considers the services of the Papacy during many centuries in the interest of the peace movement, and weighs the ever increasing influence of the Catholic Church, one can not fail to wish that the Pope may henceforth co-operate to the greatest possible degree in the perfection of international organization.

In following Dr. Gruber's views and conclusions the reader will have to bear in mind that his book was written shortly before the end of the war. His argument is not affected, however, by the occasional use of the future tense. The author continues:

Throughout the war the Vatican has given satisfactory proof that it has honestly endeavored to maintain its position above all party lines. The question as to whether the peace-makers at the coming diplomatic congress should extend an invitation to the Pope, or if they have an interest in his participation in the conference, is merely a part of the problem of the participation of noncombatant nations—in fact, of all neutrals. It should be added that if neutrals are to participate in the Peace Conference at the close of the present European war then the Pope should also be permitted to take part. The equitable application of the principle does not exclude any neutral, whether such power be a sovereign state or a spiritual government with the attributes of sovereignty. Just as the equalization of contracts can be materially advanced through the co-operation of neutral powers, so the concessions possible between the various parties could surely be more readily consummated if His Holiness would speak in the name of Christian charity and international justice. And his voice would not be raised in vain. The spiritual power of the Pope can be exercised impartially for the benefit of nations only if the Pope can exercise his exalted office independently of all secular influences.

Thus far we have followed Dr. Gruber. The statement would not be complete without adding that the invitation to the Pope, and to him primarily. Naturally nothing is expected in this connection except the discharge of his honorary duties. At the same time, however, the services of the Roman church in the interest of social reforms and of the furtherance of the cause of peace by the means at her disposal would finally be recognized and appreciated. The justification of Papal participation in certain diplomatic undertakings must be investigated not only from the formally theoretical point of view, but also from the practical, but rather from the angle of Christian culture, now obtaining for some twenty centuries—a culture which—and this should be frankly admitted—has formed the first foundation for all social progress and improvement.

The suggestions offered by Dr. Gruber have not been followed—just as the Holy See was excluded from co-operating in the peace efforts, so the Pope is apparently to be excluded from the work of erecting the structure of a League of Nations. Therefore the Central Bureau declared, in a statement prepared by it and later embodied in the resolutions of the Catholic Union of Missouri:

"We do not marvel at the difficulty experienced by statesmen and diplomats in bringing peace back to the world. The foundation of the structure which they strive to erect is purely human wisdom, and its corner-stone humanism. The viceregent of Jesus Christ, the meek shepherd and father of all the people of the earth, was not invited to devote his energies to the perfection of the undertaking. The spirit of evil, diligently at work everywhere at present, is seeking to isolate the Pope, to win the peoples of the world away from him. He shall not share in the failure of having erected a League of Nations. He whom God has called to be the foundation stone of His Church and the arbiter of His mercies as well as His judgments!"
C. B. of C. V.

MERRY PARTY.

Miss Emma Mae Garvey and Miss Tess Garvey entertained on Thursday evening of last week with a happy party at their home on West Broadway. The following were present: Misses Marie Ledwog, Florence Schmitt, Anna Lehan, Mary Louise Lehan, Emma Left, Mary Lee Pfeiffer, Verba McClellan, Tess Garvey, Emma Mae Garvey; Messrs. Bernard Curry, Roy McClellan, Earl Neff, Julius Left, Kenneth Fisher, Al Sohan, Vincent Sundacher, Edward Held and Garland Ratlie.

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Of pride for valor and pity for pain. And who will wonder they found it sweet.

After their labor such love to meet? But now that's past. Are you proud of them still?

Then find them a place that a man may fill.

This hero stuff is going to last. The war is over; the past is past. And here they stand in our crowded ways.

Asking for neither our pity nor praise. Heroes nor demi-gods, neither now. With medaled breast and laureled brow.

But men—just men. And they seek a place.

In the daily toil and the daily race. Just this—no more. Neither cheer nor sob.

But the chance at living that goes with a job!

So give them a job. For the job they've had

Was a man-sized job. And the youngest lad

That knew the horrors—the struggle, the stench,

The wounds and death of fields and trench—

Is a boy no more. He must henceforth plan

And look on life with the eyes of a man.

Tried by fire, and found to be true. And he's not begging from me or from you.

No, they're not looking for easy snaps,

These straight and sun-browned soldier chaps.

But they, over there, have given the best

That their lives were worth, that their souls possessed.

And now that the cheers and the songs die out,

Don't leave them looking and loafing about.

You liked the way that the work was done,

Of putting the Rhine between you and the Hun?

Then take the fellows who turned that trick,

Who ended the war and ended it quick.

And give them, leatherneck, dough-boy and gob,

Your last best gift in the shape of a job!

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PULPITS PROCLAIM THRIFT.

From every pulpit of whatever denomination in Missouri, Arkansas and Kentucky, and every other State in the United States, will be read a message to each congregation from Carter Glass, Secretary of the Treasury of the United States; Sunday, June 22, has been officially designated as Thrift Sunday, and Harold Braddock, Director of the Savings Division of the Treasury Department, has written a letter to each pastor in the entire nation, requesting them to lay before the members of their congregations the personal and patriotic reasons for perpetuating the lessons of sane saving, wise spending and safe investment, which the American public learned through the self-sacrifice imposed by the war. Responses to this request have been general. Ministers of the gospel were brought into closer touch with their people during the war than was ever possible before, and their leadership is more potent today than ever.

The subject of thrift is so vital and its ramifications so far reaching that a sermon based on it is bound to appeal to each hearer. The war made the people of the entire world realize that thrift is the cornerstone of the nation and that by practicing it anything is possible. The Government is paying a tribute to thrift by establishing war savings organizations in each Federal Reserve district, with organizations in each State, city and county, and with millions of war savings societies in factories, stores, churches, lodges and societies everywhere.

The pastors have been furnished material, gathered by Governmental agencies, that they will be able to use in drawing comparisons and presenting facts showing the need of national thrift.

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